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BRIEFING NOTE TO THE MINISTER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITIES

MOVING FORWARD ON THE MANDATE PRIORITY OF PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL PROJECT PRIORITIZATION BY THE END OF 2021

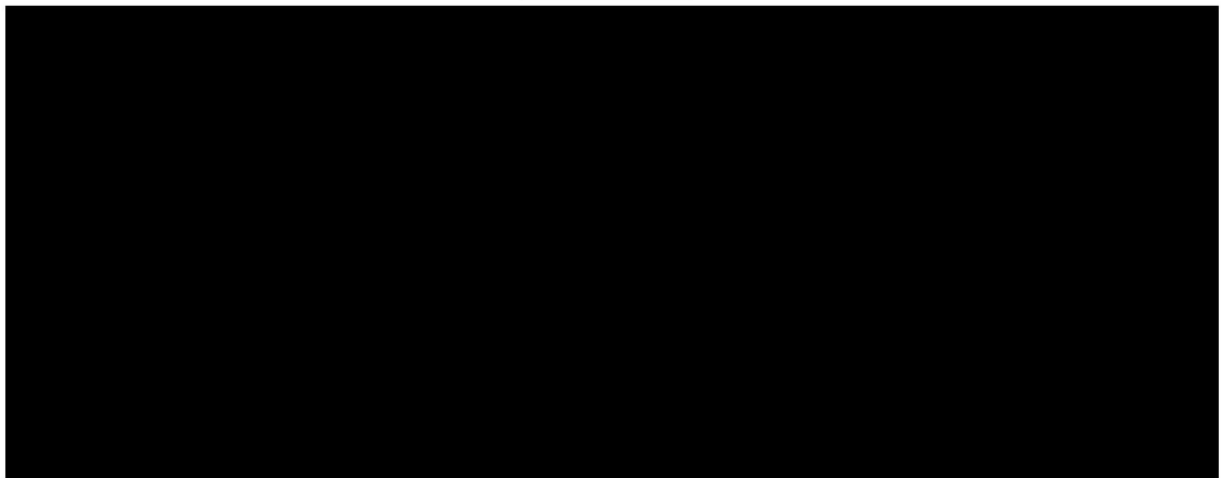
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PURPOSE

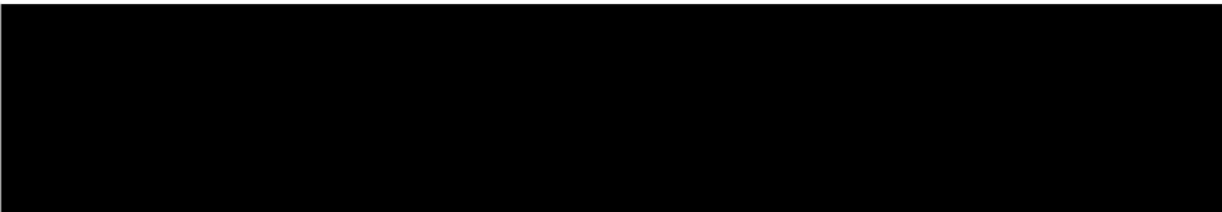
To provide key considerations in moving forward on your mandate priority to:

Require that all provinces and territories identify and approve all of their long-term infrastructure priorities within the next two years and according to the signed bilateral agreements. Funds that are not designated for specific approved projects by the end of 2021 will be reinvested directly in communities through a top up of the federal Gas Tax Fund.

SUMMARY



- Premiers have called for greater flexibility under the program to advance provincial/territorial priorities and for faster federal approvals.



SECRET**CONTEXT AND KEY FACTS**

- The text in your mandate letter on the 2021 deadline for ICIP project prioritization, as cited above, [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

- The agreements were to provide long-term and predictable infrastructure funding for communities across Canada that would allow for improved planning and asset management. The current agreements allow for project approvals until March 31, 2025, with final payments to be made by March 31, 2028.

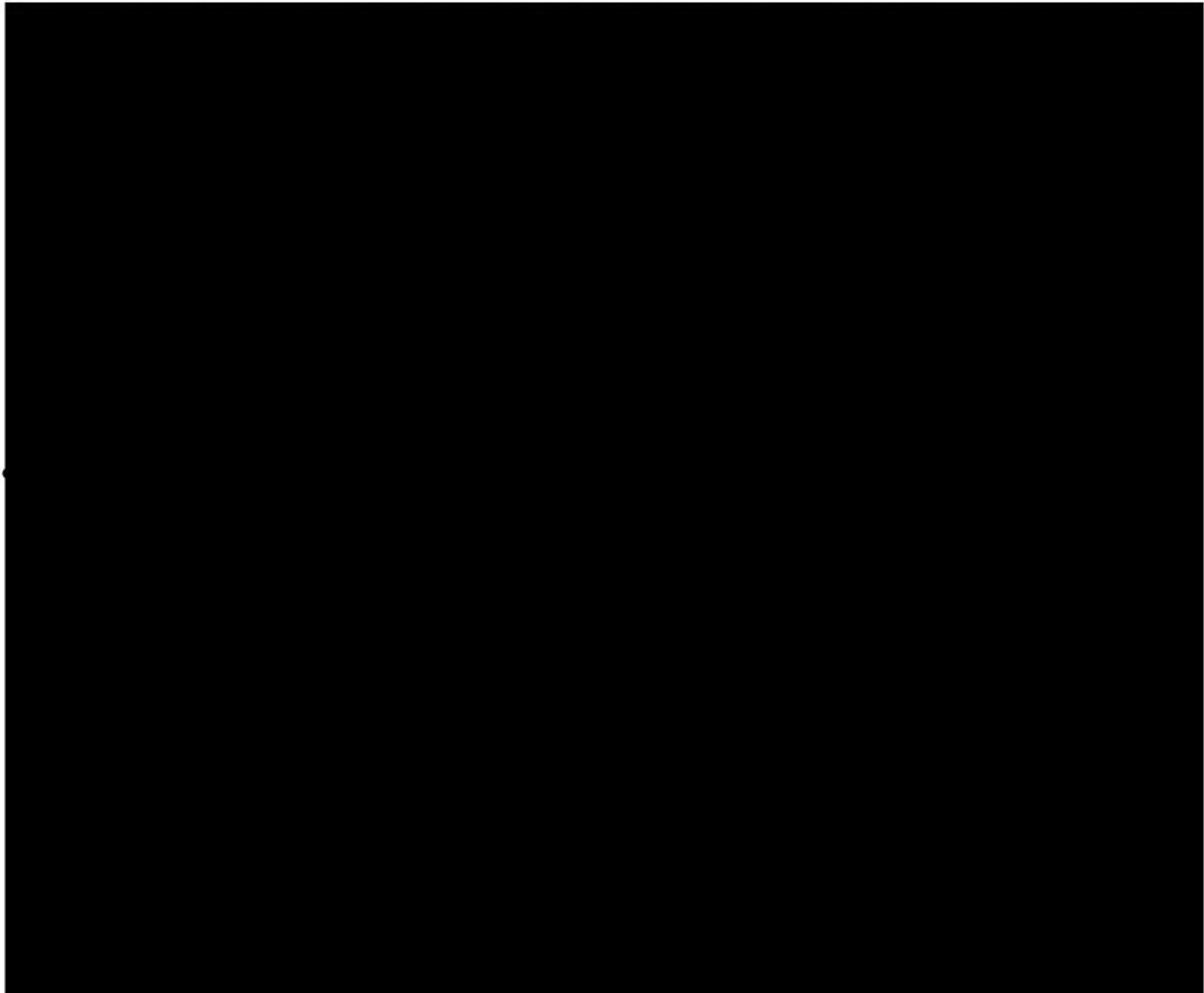
- Overall, provinces and territories have made progress toward prioritizing projects for funding. Within the first year of the ten year program, more than 30 percent of funding was approved for specific projects prioritized by provinces and territories.

- [REDACTED]

- The rolling-three year plans are a requirement of the Program.

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- The purpose of these plans, updated annually, is to provide a clear, three-year, line of sight on project approvals and, more broadly, on provincial/territorial plans to achieve the Program's intended outcomes.

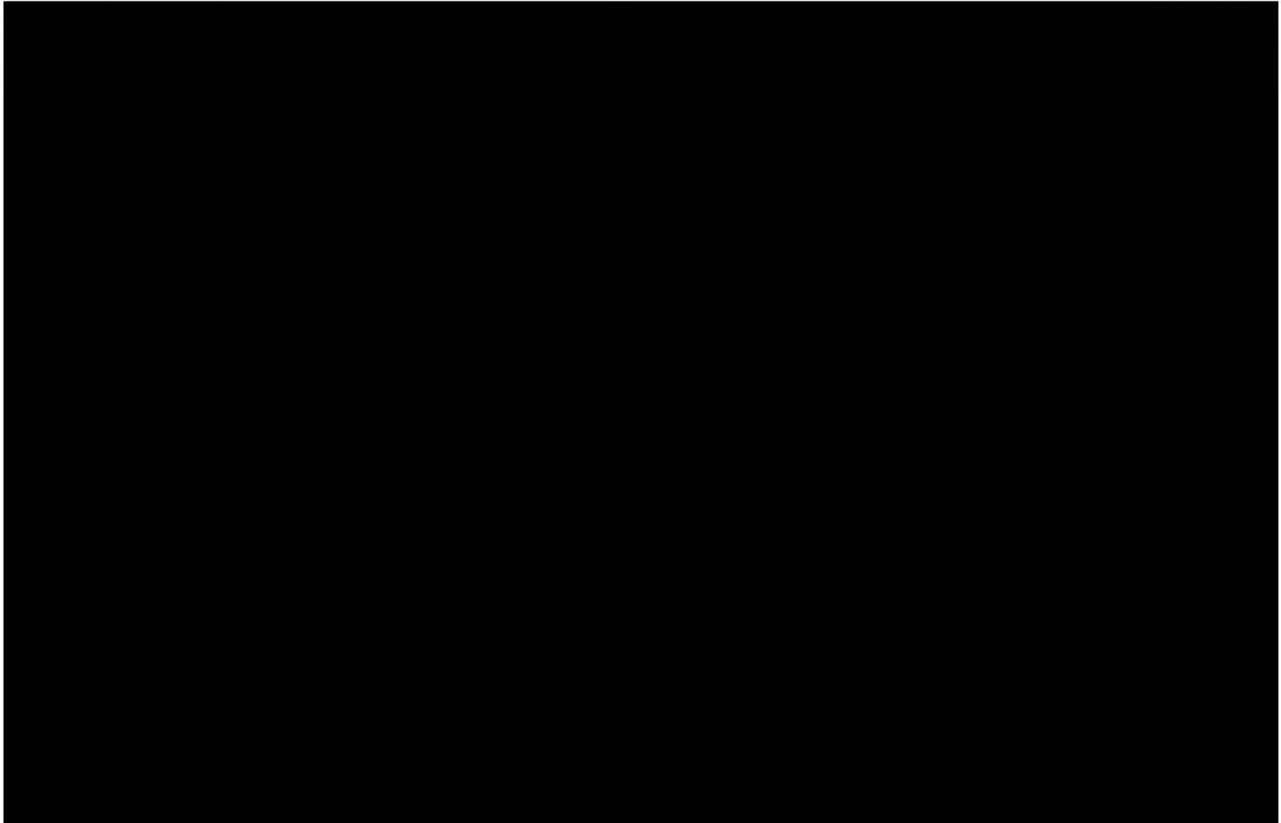


- Premiers have also called for faster federal approvals of projects.

CONSIDERATIONS

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SECRET**RECOMMENDATIONS/NEXT STEPS**

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Date